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In recent weeks, however, various Christians were noting that those materials were not to be found in the waiting areas where materials had always been present.

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somewhere within the hospital to not have those materials available any longer throughout the hospital, but rather only in the Chapel. [Gideon Bibles would continue to be available in all patient rooms and throughout the hospital as in the past.]

All the other spiritual material, devotionals, and copies of the New Testament had been picked up and placed in the Chapel in a box.

The word went out to other concerned Christians. Hospital leaders were hearing from the people, but it seemed the hospital was sticking to this new policy. Two ladies were particularly burdened over the implications of such a decision. Their views were (1) People who are ill and their family members would not necessarily seek out the hospital chapel. (2) This policy would do irreparable damage to the public relations of the hospital as the hospital had always been welcoming to people of faith, prayers, and devotions. (3) That God's very presence could be hindered by the hospital hindering the flow of God's Word. With the

help of God, the prayers of many, and reasoned conviction, these two ladies (aged in their 80s) met with two hospital officials.

Hospital leadership apologized for the manner of change and invited people of faith to once again distribute Christian literature to the hospital as it had for so many years.

These ladies guarded the precious treasure by caring, praying, and staying faithful. They guarded it for the Kingdom of God, for people of all ages, stages, conditions, and circumstances of life, of belief or of unbelief, recognizing that God's Word is a balm to the soul of a person in need.

Our local hospitals are places where people come because they are in need. They are humbled by harsh circumstances of life - sometimes more than their troubled hearts can bear!

These ladies know all of this. They acted upon it and took their concerns to this hospital. We owe a debt of thanks to people like them who make such a difference behind the scenes.

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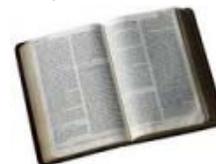
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In Isaiah we read the Lord's warning, "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness...*" [Isaiah 5:20a]. If ever there was a company that is doing exactly that, it's the website Ashley Madison.

I first heard about this disgusting company last winter at the time of the Super Bowl. The company garnered attention when NBC and the NFL rejected Ashley Madison ads from airing during the Super Bowl. (However, to their shame, a number of local stations did air Ashley Madison ads.) Super Bowl ads are known for being provocative, so what is so disturbing about Ashley

Madison that their ad was rejected?

Ashley Madison is a company that offers adultery services. In a twisted form of dating service, they match up married men and women wanting to have secret, adulterous affairs.

Recently, we were deeply concerned when conservative talk show host Laura Ingraham interviewed Ashley Madison CEO and founder, Noel Biderman. She started her interview with Biderman with these introductory words: "It's a website devoted to helping married couples in an interesting and provocative new way." For the life of me, I can't understand why Ingraham would give Biderman significant airtime to promote his extremely perverse website, giving easy opportunity for married people to have affairs.

A quick perusal of Biderman's website reveals perversity, lechery, and corruption. The notorious site now boasts over 4 million members, claiming a new member signing up every 20 seconds. Here are some of the promotional phrases found on

AshleyMadison.com:

- "Life is short, have an affair"
- "Join AshleyMadison.com for free and have an affair...guaranteed!"
- "100% guaranteed - the Ashley Madison Affair Guaranteed"
- "Are you married but looking? Ashley Madison is the place for married dating."

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We have become what the church has tolerated. As such depravity is accepted with nothing more than a 'tsk, tsk' and a shake of the head, more and more it permeates society impacting how people think and act while we the church retreat from our role as salt and light. May we not just call such evil what it is - evil; may we stand boldly in opposition to it.

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